

Local Scholar Receives Dist. Medal

Richard James Walsh, local Bassano High School student, was informed last Saturday that he was the recipient of the Lord Tweedsmuir Bronze Medal for obtaining the highest marks in school examinations in the Bow Valley and R.I.D. School Districts.

The medal was formerly awarded to the student who gained the highest marks in the High School entrance examinations of grade eight. With the new study system, grade nine is the grade prior to entering the upper school.

Richard also received the following letter with the medal:

Edmonton, Alta.,
Dec. 15, 1939

Dear Richard:
I have the honour to advise you that His Excellency, Lord Tweedsmuir, the Governor-General of Canada, has granted bronze medals for competition in connection with the Grade IX Departmental Examination of Alberta for the year 1939. A medal to the student who obtained the highest marks in the examination was prepared in the Bow Valley and R.I.D. Divisions, and it is with pleasure that I inform you that this medal is being awarded to you as the candidate having achieved the highest standing on the Grade IX Examinations of 1939 in these Divisions.

Please accept my congratulations. This success means that we shall be expecting outstanding work on your part during your high school career. It is requested that you forward to the Department an acknowledgment of this medal in your own handwriting for transmission to His Excellency, the Governor-General. The medal is being forwarded to your address under registered cover.

WILLIAM ABERNETHY,
Minister of Education.

"Dick" as he is known to friends and school teachers, adds this medal to an enviable academic record. He has always shown himself as a scholar and student. To prove that his ability does not stop at the school Dick can show a pair of track shoes and carry away laurels as well.

Richard has been a pupil of Mr. A. C. Currie of the local teaching staff for the past two years.

Thus Bassano congratulates its student, Richard Walsh.

RED CROSS NOTES

Last week we announced that the objective of the Red Cross bazaar in Bassano would be to raise over one thousand dollars before Christmas. This week, we are pleased to announce that this objective was reached several days before Christmas, and at time of going to press, has been overshot by some forty or fifty dollars.

Entering the week with about \$50 short of the mark, donations to the amount of \$100.00 were received in the office, placing the figure well over the thousand dollar goal.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Week, Dec. 20th, 1939.	
Bassano: Donations \$17.00, Membership \$22.00, total	\$39.00
Ques: Donations \$84.00, Membership \$80.00, total	\$164.00
Lethbridge: Donations \$24.00, Membership \$20.00, total	\$44.00
Rosemary: Donations \$18.00, Membership \$11.00, total	\$29.00
Crowfoot: Donations \$4.25, Membership \$1.75, total	\$6.00
Maplehurst: Donations \$11.75, Membership \$12.00, total	\$23.75
Total Donations	\$145.00
Total Memberships	\$104.00
Total cash collected	\$249.00
Increase for the week	\$90.00
Results of Top Day:	
Bassano	\$12.34
Ques	\$15.00
Total	\$27.34

The executive wishes to thank all who have contributed so liberally both in funds and work, and extend to all the heartiest greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

Wishing One And All A Merry Christmas



AMATEUR CONTEST WELL ATTENDED FRIDAY

Over 150 people gathered in the Masonic Hall last Friday evening, Dec. 15th, to hear young Kathleen Kosnick win the Amateur contest. This talented ten year old star from Medicine Hat played popular tunes on the piano, banjo, mandolin and guitar. Following the program, the child proved she was also a proficient master of the violin. Kathleen did not use music to play from.

Following the popular choice, came Miss Pat Smith, local dancer and singer. Appropriately dressed,

Pat sang "Melancholy Baby" and lap danced.

A quartet of the four little brothers from Honeyday finished in third place to end the list of winners.

On the whole the program was very interesting and well enjoyed, as evidenced by the overflowed aisles and packed hall. Following the program, the hall was cleared, and dancing was the order of the evening, until the early hours.

XMAS CONCERT TONIGHT

The Knox Presbyterian Church An-

mat. Concert and Christmas Tree will be held tonight, Thursday, Dec. 21, at the Church, commencing at 8 p.m. sharp.

Teachers of the Sunday School have diligently trained the students, and a program of interest will be presented.

It is reported most reliably that Santa Claus will be on hand to distribute bags of candies to the youngsters.

Everyone is welcome to hear the youngsters perform. There will be a small admission charge for adults, to defray the cost of presentation.

Christmas Messages from Pastors of the Local Churches

MESSAGE FROM PASTORS OF 1939.
(By Rev. John H. Naylor)

This was the message brought to earth by the angels singing over Bethlehem on the first Christmas night, and announcing to the awe-struck shepherds the birth of the Saviour, Peace was the dream of a war-torn world, the great desire of nations afflicted for centuries by the sword of tyrants and conquerors. Peace on earth has been ever since the dream and the desire of men. Christ was the Prince of Peace. His herald angels sang of peace—peace to men of good will. His coming precluded an era of peace and happiness.

But peace was promised only to men of good will. So men must desire and long for peace and show good will to one another before they may know the peace of Christ. The same is true of nations. Nations must long for, pray for, work for peace before war may be abolished. Where good will, charity and brotherly love are lacking, peace can not prevail. From want of good will and brotherly love spring the passions which destroy peace and nourish war. Men and nations must be rooted in the spirit of Christ, the spirit of unselfishness, charity, justice, kindness, forbearance and forgiveness of injuries, before they may know the blessing of peace. Selfishness, jealousy, greed and the injustice of man and of Nation to Nation are the sources of misunderstanding, hatred, war and bloodshed. If the world would have peace it must learn of Christ's meekness, humbleness, of heart, charity and brotherly love. It must return to the true spirit of Christmas and act in humility in the face of the Babe of Bethlehem.

Men and nations must forgive Christ and His teachings. Therefore the world, who recently drenched in blood, is being plagued with new wars. International jealousies and greed and aving of men are the fruitful seeds of conflict. The world must return to God before it can have peace and joy. The message of the Divine Message of Christmas, only in proportion as men and governments show to one another good will, charity and justice, shall they know the joy of peace and see the harvest of Christ's coming to earth.

It is my sincere wish, and my earnest prayer that the Infant Jesus, on His birthday, may give to you His richest graces and blessings, and may His dear Son, who gladden your hearts and brighten your path on every day of the New Year.

Let us therefore go even unto

Christmas Messages

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
(By Charles F. Laine)

My Dear Friends:
At this season of the year when we all are here in thankfulness for the remembrance of the birth of God's dear Son, I would like to convey to you a truly personal message.

Christmas belongs, first of all, to the home. At Bethlehem that first Christmas a happy couple found the birth of their first child. In the home, even in a stable, with their babe the Christ Child to complete the family circle. Happy is the home today where there is a little one to make glad the hearts of parents. Thankful let us all be for home and for loved ones near and far. Again we can find joy in gifts and greetings, to and from the dear friends who mean most to us in life. Let us show them how we care, and God give us eyes to see some dear soul who is starving for a word of appreciation and thought that we may have the joy of giving. Let us also remember those homes in which there is a vacant chair, because some son or husband has gone forth to his Country's call in the defence of Freedom and Righteousness among nations, and in remembering, may we pray that Peace may soon be restored throughout the world.

And we who are covenanted with Jesus Christ as members of His church, let us, in recognition of what we owe to His coming as a child to earth, let hands and hearts and voices to make this world more Christian, and let us register our loyalty, as often as we have opportunity, in public worship.

May the Lord grant you all—
A Merry Christmas, and A Happy New Year.

Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass. Let us learn again the secret of the Love cradled there in that stable crib. Let us catch some thing of the amazing Divinity of that Love. . . . then for us, the guns of war cannot drown out the songs of Bethlehem.

The man gave a rough grunt and hurried along. "I caught a glimpse of the light in the man's eyes that spoke volumes. There is something in the Pacific air that 'sets us' which for the time lifts us from our world selves."

What you and I and the world generally need are more Christmas Eves in the year. The world is simply hungering for more friendship. With goodwill among men, then Peace upon earth would be a reality.

Let us therefore go even unto

Funeral Wednesday, Duck Lake Farmer Preparing For New Year's Dance

Robert Northwick Riddell, aged 74 years, passed away at the home of M. A. Maclean in Bassano on Sunday December 17th, following a short illness.

Funeral services were conducted by Mrs. Charles F. Laine from Knox Presbyterian Church on Wednesday afternoon, December 20th, when a large number of friends and relatives gathered together to pay their last tribute to a faithful friend.

Coming to Canada at an early age from Hawick, Scotland, where he was born, he took up farming in the Sunny Nook district, later moving to the Duck Lake area. He was prominent in Municipal affairs, and bore the title of a "C.P.". He was also the secretary-treasurer of the school district in his neighborhood.

Funeral services at the funeral were: W. B. Hayfair, Charles Hall, Neil Nagelund, Bob Nairn, C. Merritt and Robt. Thompson. Interment was in the Bassano cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, who remains on the farm at Duck Lake; four sons, William at Olds, James and Harry of Kimberley, W. B. Hayfair at home; also six daughters, Mrs. Wm. Maclean and Mrs. Magnus Maclean, both of Bassano. One brother lives in Calgary, and one sister, Mrs. A. J. Haughton, lives at Sherburne.

E. MAURER PASSES ON WEDNESDAY

Funeral Services for the late Edward Frederick Maurer, who passed away at the family residence near Bassano on Wednesday of this week, will be conducted tomorrow afternoon, Friday, Dec. 22nd, at 1 o'clock, from the Presbyterian Church in the city. Charles F. Laine will conduct the services.

The late Mr. Maurer was one of the many farm settlers in the Bassano district. Coming here from Paloua county, Washington, twenty-six years ago, he acquired large tracts of land in the district north of Bassano. For the duration of his time in Bassano, he had been recognized as one of the most progressive and successful farmers in the district. In recent years, when drought struck the farming industry, the deceased gained considerable reputation in the methods of farming he adopted to combat soil drifting. His advice on this matter was sought by numerous farmers in the south and eastern part of the province.

Just a few years ago, friends and relatives from far and near gathered at the late Mr. Maurer home for the celebration of the late Mr. Maurer's, and Mrs. Maurer's golden wedding anniversary.

Surprising the late Mr. Maurer was a staunch supporter of the local Presbyterian Church, where he served faithfully and well.

During his time, Mr. Maurer was a staunch supporter of the local Presbyterian Church, where he served faithfully and well.

His loving wife, two sons, Alfred and Harry, both of Bassano, and one daughter, Mrs. Smith of Spokane, Washington.

A special request has been made by relatives of the deceased that no floral tributes be brought to the funeral tomorrow.

DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS

With only a couple of days left before Christmas, everything is in readiness for St. Nick's visit. Decorations have been placed in the windows of all local stores, and form an exceptionally pleasant sight this year. Once again the decorative street lights have been connected and present the usual festive touch.

In the windows of most homes, colored lights can be seen burning on the decorated Xmas trees and streamers hang from corner to corner, making the atmosphere more Christmas like.

Proclamation

TOWN OF BASSANO
In accordance with a resolution of the Council, I hereby proclaim Tuesday, December 26, 1939, as a Public Holiday in the Town of Bassano. All dried claims will have to be made and all places of business will remain closed on that day.

It's the New Year Dance on January 1st that everyone is going to look forward to. Annually the local Music Committee have sponsored the new year dance, but this year have offered it to the Bassano Intermediate Hockey Club.

The team, therefore, has made all arrangements to assure the public of a dance worth attending. The increasingly popular local orchestra, which is capable of swinging the hot and sweet away, numbers equally as well, has been engaged to play from 9:30 p.m. until the wee 'uns' hours. Free lunch will be served at midnight.

Following the supper, a raffle will take place. The team has purchased an electric tri-lift lamp, or in the case of a farmer winning, a Coleman gas lamp, for the fortunate winner. The dance will be held at the Hockey Club, and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. on January 1st.

E.I.D. NOTES

At this season, the Trustees and the Management desire to extend to all water users and residents of the district a message of good will. Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We look forward with hope and confidence to the year ahead, and we are sure that it will be attained throughout the Project as we all unite and go forward together in the best spirit of good will and the celebration of Christmas inspires.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 19th, 1939.

The Board met at 8 a.m.

A number of those contract holders who had already made their 1939 land payments, having pointed out that they were not to discontinue as compared with those who have not paid by the deadline arrived at by the Board on 8th December, further consideration was given to the whole matter. It was the unanimous conclusion of the Board that the man who has paid should not receive less benefit than the man who has not paid, and it was resolved that any contract holder who has already made his 1939 land payment should be permitted to receive the same benefit as the man who has not paid.

The Secretary receipts must be brought to the office.

At 10 a.m. the Board received a delegation from the Rosemary Co-operative with the cheque factory there. The delegation consisted of Messrs. Hyman, Parker, Russell and Loewen.

The delegation made representations as to the desire of a large number of farmers in the west end of the project to support a cheese factory on a cooperative basis, and a considerable discussion took place as to ways and means of getting the factory completed and in operation. It appeared necessary in order to carry out the wishes of the farmers in this matter that authority be obtained from the Government or by legislation to proceed with the matter. It was agreed that the Government would be approached in this connection and that in the meantime the directors of the Rosemary Co-operative, Dairies Limited would get further information as to the possibility of completing the factory.

At 1:30 p.m. the Board received a delegation from the Bow Slope District, Messrs. Johnson, Williamson and others who had called on the directors to make with respect to amendments to the Irrigation Districts Act and the Eastern Irrigation District Act, which they considered necessary in the interests of the District. These matters were fully discussed.

It was decided to proceed at once with certain improvements in the District Act in Sec. 24, Pwp. 15, Reg. 14, W.4.M. where a cut-off could be made which would improve the ditch and create a saving in maintenance costs.

A number of water users interviewed the Board with respect to perennial matters, a large number of matters of routine business were dealt with, and the meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

The District Office at Brooks will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

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CHRISTMAS SEASON

It is rather amazing to read that there is almost complete uncertainty concerning the actual date of the birth of Jesus Christ, there not being anything in the written record to prove that December 25th was the date on which he was born. It appears that it was almost 400 years after the event before there was any move made to celebrate his natal day, and peculiarly enough the movement did not originate in the East, but developed in Italy, from whence it found its way in the course of time to the East itself.

Be that as it may, it has for nearly 1,600 years been celebrated annually as a blessed event, and no matter how much one may regret the commercialization of the season, it is pleasant to be able to record that the real significance of the occasion, namely that of a religious festival, has not been lost sight of throughout the years.

The Recorder takes this opportunity of wishing all its readers "A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

SANTA, SAINT NICHOLAS AND CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY

Whoever says there is no Santa Claus is mistaken.

Santa Claus, like Christ, once walked this earth.

He was a man of great kindness and generosity, with a deep love for children.

Such was his hold on the heart's of the people that after he died, December 6, about 1,600 years ago, the date was set aside as a feast and gift day, in commemoration of his life.

His name was Nicholas. After his death folks called him Saint Nicholas. At the feast and gift-giving day of St. Nicholas spread, the Dutch took it up. The nearest they could come to saying St. Nicholas was Santa Claus.

As time rolled on, December 6, the feast day of Santa Claus, giver of gifts, and December 25, the feast day of Christ, grew of life, became confused in the minds of the people, and eventually the two festivals were combined.

Thus the idea became established that on the eve of the birth of the Christ Child there comes out of the frozen north, with sleighs and reindeer, genial Santa Claus, with gifts.

When persons tell children "Santa Claus brought you that," they are speaking the truth. For the spirit of

Santa Claus that still lives prompted the gift.

CHRISTMAS BRINGS MUCH FOR BOTH YOUNG AND OLD

Christmas is a time of joy for the old as well as for the young. If it is given only to youth to enjoy many of the pleasures that Christmas brings, see this in compensation in the remembrance of the memories that the day awakes. At no other time does such hallowed and lovely remembrance of days that are past stir the heart. Again, we live in the land of childhood; we revel in its happy care free hours; we stand before the Christmas tree that thrilled us in the long ago. With swift steps we travel across the bridge of time and space and clasp hands with those of other years. Again we live happy hours of comradeship and understanding that were ours.

Through the years we may have forgotten how dear we were; we may have failed to recall the many lovely joys that have come to us through the years. But at Christmas it is different. Almost friends and joy, as well as those that are near, bring us joy and cheer. Even those who have passed into the land beyond seem to be with us today; the power of love and memory seems to have pierced the veil that hid them from our view. Dear and half-forgotten memories of hours we spent with them bring them very close.

Yes, Christmas holds much for the old. And the greatest gifts are for those who have laid up a treasure of lovely memories day by day.

—1412—

The oldest Christmas toast known is:

"Here's a health to those whom I love,
And health to all those whom love me,
And a health to all those who love whom I love,
And to those who love those who love me."

We pronounce "Christmas" wrong. It should be "Christ-Mas." The corruption began in the 17th century.

Noel, Name of Two Towns
Noel, the French for Christmas is the name of two towns in Virginia and Missouri.

Doctor (enquiring after the boy who had swallowed a half dollar):
"How is the boy today?"
Axious mother: "No change yet."

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To All Our Friends and Patrons, and
Our Thanks for the Goodwill
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W. S. Playfair

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The Compliments of the Season

And To Wish You Joy, Happiness and
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ROY SMITH'S GARAGE

SEASON'S GREETINGS.....

Once again the march of time brings us all to another year's end. It also brings another opportunity to tell our good friends of our appreciation of their co-operation and good-will.

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BASSANO, ALTA.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 1934
A Christmas Service at 11 a.m.
Rev. J. Harter.

Knox Presbyterian Church

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11 a.m.—Sunday School,
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service
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HOLIDAY PREVIEW

Sunday, Dec. 24th
 AT 12:05 A.M.

Five Came Back

With Chester Morris, Lucille Ball, Wendy Barrie,
 Twelve Starred, Although grounded in the headlines,
 country's stage must decide which five can emerge in a
 crippled plane. Heart-searching thundering drama, of love
 of redemption, of soul stripped bare!

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Short Christmas Stories

A Christmas Reconciliation.

Mary and John had quarrelled—just before Christmas too. The Christmas Carol had burned, and then, in the excitement, each had blamed the other, making cruel retorts, until Mary fled to her bedroom in tears and John stalked off in the snowy night.

The Christmas candle beamed a come from the window as John started around the block again. He was cold, and sorry, but he mustn't go in too soon.

The tree, the holly, their little girl asleep in her crib and dreaming of Santa Claus—all were to mockery. Mary went into the living room and snatched up the radio, looking for her hand and forgiveness. Instead there came the strains of "Silent Night"—"peace on earth, good will to men"—"God bless us, every one!"—"Wasn't there anything on except Christmas programs. A click brought back the silence."

She opened the front door. Next time she would ask John to come in. Tell him she was sorry. Now that she stopped to think, she knew that he was sorry too. Why let a few excited words that neither of them meant spoil their Christmas.

But John did not come. It was too cold to stand at the door any longer, but she sat at the window with the curtain drawn aside, watching for him.

When at last she saw him coming the relief almost choked her. He was striding rapidly, carrying something in his arms, she opened the door for him and he handed his burden to her.

"Here Mary, hold him. Careful now. He's hot. I'll get a box and wrap it in a bed." Mary looked down at the warm bundle. It was a merry pup. One leg was in splints. The puppy whined a little and licked her hand.

"But John, where did you get him?" "Accident. Over on Linden. Fell out of a passing car. I took him to a vet and had him fixed up. Thought he'd make a cute pet for Alice." He stopped his work and straightened out. "I'm awfully sorry, Mary. I was a fool."

"It was my fault, John. Their eyes met in perfect understanding. How silly to quarrel. Their silence was a more impressive reconciliation than words. Mary broke it nervously, for fear she would cry again. "There are some clean rags in the drawer. And we ought to get him something to eat. He can have this old bowl for his dish." She worked with one hand cradling the puppy. "Wasn't Alice surprised? And what shall we call him?"

"Ought to have some connection with Christmas Eve, don't you think? How about Scrooge or Marlow?"

"Oh, no."

"Good King Wenceslaus?" "Good name for a poor innocent puppy. Maybe we had better see what Alice wants to call him in the morning." She put the puppy down with a flourish of warm milk. John came and put his arm around her, and they stood close together watching their pet pup greedily.

"We ought to call him Peace-maker, honey," said John. "If it hadn't been for him, I might have still been out there in the snow."

"Oh, John, wasn't he silly? I was so worried when you didn't come. If anything had happened to you I could never have forgiven myself."

"Full pretty to tell myself. Not my idea of the best way to spend Christmas eve."

"Of course! I forgot! We have no more left to do! The tree, and Alice's doll, and the stocking, and her stocking filled. What time is it?"

"He looks at his watch. 'Almost midnight.'"

"Not so early?"

He nodded, and put his watch on the table. "Here, pooch," he said, "it's bedtime for you." He lifted the puppy into his bed, and turned back to his wife.

"And as for your milady," he said, "I about ten seconds I want a kiss for Christmas, and then we're going to pitch in together and clean up this mess, and in the tree, and maybe even chance another batch of candy."

"OK? Then it's time darling, to say a merry, Merry Christmas!"

HIO HWA Y SIGNS OUT

NE XT SE HING

Placing of new highway signs on a main road in this province will be commenced next spring.

This was announced at a meeting of the directors of the Alberta Motor Association held recently at Calgary, when Hon. W. A.

Christmas Awakening

With Christmas drawing near, why don't we get together and make plans?" Robert Dutton read no further with calm deliberation, he put the heavily scrawled letter back into his envelope.

"Always the impractical Hal," he said slowly. "No wonder he never gets anywhere." A list of appointments waited on his desk. Visits from two of the most important men in town, a delegation sought his eye. He opened it a little, and he had just purchased; a reminder of a talk he had promised to make at a luncheon. Important things, he thought, things Hal would never be called upon to do.

Hastily he went through his mail. A square envelope in a familiar hand caught his eye. He opened it a little curiously. What could Miss Denby be writing him about? His long fingers drew out an artistic Christmas card. A conservative wish and an old Christmas Carol printed in English letters. That was it, except the signature, "Eleanor Denby."

A flash stained his face, an undefinable something that sent the blood stinging through his veins. "Eleanor" he said softly, "a beautiful name; how queer that I never heard it before."

Then, as if resenting his weakness and sentiment, he dug into his mail again. But try as he would he could not concentrate on the things that had meant anything to him before. Something had happened to Robert Dutton; Christmas, coming from a secret, any whom he had scarcely noticed left him visibly unsettled.

Christmas memories surged through his heart. He was back in the old home again. Everybody was rushing around in circles. He saw the big tree in the corner of the parlor; the kitchen table piled high with good things to eat. And Mother and Dad, with happiness beaming upon their faces.

He picked up Hal's letter again. After all, maybe his kid brother wasn't so crazy. The thought was pushing through his mind that maybe he had been locked out of some. This time he read the letter in a different mood. "Let's give Dad and Mother the surprise of their lives. Let's go out and make one grand Christmas for them. You can turn everything over to someone else for a week—anyone can handle things like that—there's nothing personal or precious about them."

"Nothing personal or precious about them." He turned the words over in his mind. Hal was right. Some one else could handle the things that had seemed so terribly important. A few hours of confusion, perhaps; but things would go on as before. The world would forget him in a day.

His fingers reached for the pen on his desk. "Dear Hal," he began. "I heartily agree with your proposal that we get together and make plans to give Dad and Mother the biggest surprise and the grandest Christmas ever." He was smiling broadly, almost laughing aloud, as he finished the letter with a flourish.

Five minutes later Miss Denby entered his private office to find a new Robert Dutton. "Alice had dropped her book in surprise at the expression upon his face, and the new way in which he greeted her.

"I'm ready to begin, Mr. Dutton," she began nervously, when he made no motion to start the routine of the day.

"You're going to forget business for today, Miss Denby, and go Christmas shopping, that is, if you want to help me out." He fumbled with his tie as he spoke, noticing for the first time the soft curving of her white neck.

"Your Christmas card," he went on, "brought some miracles. The few words that business and making money aren't everything in life. They're both fine in their way, but there are other things too; precious things that I've been overlooking."

He came closer and looked hard into her eyes. "For instance, going shopping with a good looking and adorable secretary."

public works, was questioned on the matter.

The minister said the signs will be placed on all main roads that have been permanently located or are in process of completion.

Officials of the A.M.A. have been keeping in touch with the government, for some time in view of the need of proper marking of highways. The province has been assured of the full co-operation of the association in regard to obtaining proper type of road signs and placing them at the best possible locations.

During the past season the Edmonton branch of the A.M.A. has itself erected 400 signs on secondary highways or dirt roads, connecting with the main routes.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

PIERSON'S SERVICE STATION

Arrowwood

A very interesting play was put on by the Home Makers class of the Church of the Brethren recently. There was a large attendance and everyone enjoyed themselves.

ROBIN—On December 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Irwin, a son, at the Mason Nursing Home.

The local Red Cross sponsored a dance and concert on Friday, Dec. 8, in the school. A large crowd attended the show, and the sum of \$8 dollars was cleared.

The Ladies' Social Credit Group entertained their husbands to a turkey dinner on December 10th, in the school. After supper, 109 people attended a program of music and singing.

A presentation of a silver carving set was made to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Shultz, who are leaving the district, and a short reply was made.

Mr. Glen House, president of the Men's group, gave a short talk, after which the gathering adjourned.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Shultz left on Tuesday for their new home in Walsh county. Mr. Shultz will take up farming.

Over fifty children under the age of twelve years were entertained at a Christmas tree and treats on Saturday, Dec. 16th, by the Ladies' Social Credit group. Games were played, and all sat down to a large table loaded with sandwiches, cake, cookies, candy and cocoa.

At the conclusion of the entertainment, a big bag of nuts, candy and oranges was given to each child.

Mr. Jim Mackie is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mackie.

Mr. and Mrs. Leith are expecting their son, Herman, home for the Xmas holidays.

A supper sponsored by the Community, in aid of the skating rink, was well attended, and all reported a splendid time.

Children of the community are busy preparing for the Christmas concert to be held on Friday, December 22nd.

Greetings....

FOR CHRISTMAS

with
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Makepeace

Don't forget the Makepeace Christmas Dinner which will be held this Friday, Dec. 22nd. After the departure of Santa Claus, dancing will be the order of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edna Bray and family spent a short visit with the latter parents in Calgary last week.

In most districts of Eastern Canada snow flakes filled the air. This, however, was not the case in Makepeace, where turkey feathers were flying in abundance last week.

One resident found difficulty in swallowing his soup without choking on feathers. Another gentleman walked into the house with his glasses stuck all over, and yet being able to use the room filled with feathers, took a deep breath, and on doing so had the misfortune of swallowing a whirlwind of the fluffy articles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bulger and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bulger. Miss Helen Martin was also another guest who enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner. "You had there sent a few more turkey rafties, eh Helen?"

Miss Doris and Mr. Eugene Ensign are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Campbell.

Miss Betty Drummond spent the week-end in Calgary and also at the home of her parents at Namaka.

Mr. and Mrs. F. New spent Sunday last at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Seiler.

After a hockey meeting held in the school on Saturday night, the local boys are now ready to take on any hockey team. That, however, does not include the "Toronto Maple Leafs" Harold Hall and Gordon Jones had a brief practice this morning and found the ice almost strong enough to hold them up.

Miss Irene Walters and Miss Doris Ensign would be very pleased if the party who removed money amounting to \$2.50 from their purses at Bassano Friday night last, would kindly return it. Mr. Ensign also had the misfortune of losing his cap. However, we believe he left it at Walters, just for an excuse.

"Sam," the former mayor of Makepeace, was in Bassano on Friday night. His daughter took first prize at the Amateur programme, Congratulations Kathleen.

Mr. Louis Jefferies of Quebec was a caller last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walters.

Makepeace was well represented in Calgary last week and this. The following are a few of those seen there: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Nelson; Mrs. K. Lavan; Mr. and Mrs. E. Martin and family; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mac-

Yuletide Greetings...

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Beth and the Tierney family.

Mr. Phil Rogers was a caller last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Mullen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hanna spent Sat-

urday last at Medicine Hat.

Mr. W. Robinson was a caller when a certain party arrived from Glendon the other night. Nice going Bill.



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## Interesting Items

You are invited to contribute to this column. Please your news items to 55, the Recorder Office.

Mrs. Keith and son Gordon, Miss Jean Lee, Mrs. A. G. Scott, Mrs. Summerhill and son, and Mrs. McKensie motored to Calgary last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Currie were city visitors on Saturday last.

Miss Margaret Douglas was a visitor to Brooks on Monday of this week.

Mrs. C. B. Nesbitt and daughter of Brooks are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sills.

Bob Bacon was a Calgary visitor on Tuesday of this week.

Miss Mary Love of Latham spent the week-end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Currie.

Mr. R. A. Gordon was a business visitor to Brooks on Wednesday afternoon.

Midnight High Mass will be said in St. Columba R. C. Church on Xmas Eve at 11 p.m. Rev Fr. Morrow will officiate, and will be in attendance at the church from 10:30 p.m. on.

Mr. and Mrs. John Irwin returned to their home in Bassano, after a week's visit in Arrowwood.

Correction—Last week in this column, it was stated that Mrs. Smithley had returned to her home in Spokane. This should have read: Mrs. Smithley of Spokane, Wash., is visiting with relatives in the district.

Mrs. Chas. Wilson visited in the Foothills City last week-end.

Verne Thompson, who has been attending school at the coast, returned to Bassano the first of the week, where he will spend the holidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Harper were Calgary visitors on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Snape and Mrs. Flanagan and son were visitors in Calgary on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis took in the hockey game in the city last night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. McKinnon, Mrs. McCullough, and Mrs. W. S. Playfair were Calgary callers the first of this week.

Miss Boneta Johnson and Ival Warren were Calgary visitors on Saturday last.

M. A. Haynes was a visitor in the City last week-end.

Mrs. D. Wans of Medicine Hat, and Mrs. Hubelke of Galt Lake, Sask. were Bassano visitors on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. W. F. MacBeth visited her mother in Edmonton this week.

Mr. Geo. Morrison left last night for Edmonton and Hardisty where he will visit with members of his family.

### TEA AND SALE FINANCIAL SUCCESS

The tea and sale of needlework and novelties, held in the I.O.O.F. Hall on Saturday last, is reported to have been a financial success by the St. Columba Ladies Altar Society. Approximately \$80 was realized for the day's efforts.

The Xmas Hamper was won by Mrs. C. Edmonds of Calgary, and the turkey, donated by Ed. Walsh, was won by Jeanne Le Page.

The ladies wish to thank all those who assisted in any way to make the day a success by their attendance or donation, especially the ladies of the district, who assisted with the work to a very great extent.

### LAST DRAW FOR CANDY

This Saturday will see the final draw for chocolate at the Empire Coffee Shop. So far, Nettie LeGrande, Bill Snape and Ival Warren have been the lucky winners of the large box of fancy chocolates given away each Saturday night.

### RAIN FOR CHRISTMAS

If the storm that struck the district on Wednesday of this week is any indication of how the weather will be on Christmas day, Santa Claus had better bring along his rubber boots. Rain, falling in the early part of the afternoon, left streets quite slippery later on in the day, when the temperature dropped, and the moisture froze. Late in the evening, a very light fall of snow took the place of the afternoon rain.

Present indications appear to be pointing towards a snow-storm in the course of the next few hours, so maybe it won't be a "green Christmas" as many persons feared, after all.



## .... Greetings ....

### TO OUR FRIENDS EVERYWHERE

THE Spirit of Christmas calls us to a better appreciation of old associations and the value of old friendships. May you have a very Merry Christmas and may the New Year be the happiest and most prosperous year you have ever known.

**A. McKee**

